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PROVIDING AMOUNTS FROM THE CONTINGENT FUND OF THE HOUSE FOR THE EXPENSES OF INVESTIGATIONS AND STUDIES BY STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE IN THE SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETY-NINTH CONGRESS

ORIGINAL

JANUARY 30, 1986.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. GAYDOS, from the Committee on House Administration, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 368]

The Committee on House Administration, having had under consideration the resolution (H. Res. 368), providing amounts from the contingent fund of the House for the expenses of investigations and studies by standing and select committees of the House in the second session of the Ninety-ninth Congress, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be agreed to.

COMMITTEE ACTION

On January 30, 1986, by unanimous voice vote a quorum being present, the Committee agreed to a motion to report the resolution to the House.

REQUIREMENTS OF RULE XI OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE

The oversight findings and recommendations of the Committee under clause 2(b)(1) of rule X are included in the body of the report.

No statement is deemed necessary under section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The Director of the Congressional Budget Office did not submit a cost estimate and comparison under section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The Committee on Government Operations did not submit oversight findings and recommendations under clause 4(c)(2) of rule X.

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GENERAL DISCUSSION

Due to the urgent need for the Legislative Branch to comply with the first Presidential sequestration order issued pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, Public Law 99-177, the Committee on House Administration has suspended its regular committee budget review process for the second session. In lieu of adhering to the regular review process, the committee has applied a uniform reduction rate to the amount of funds provided for each committee during the first session in order to determine the amounts of funds to be available to each committee for the second session. The application of this uniform reduction rate was deemed to be consistent with the spirit and intent of Public Law 99-177. Notwithstanding this suspension of the regular committee budget review process, the Subcommittee on Accounts will continue to discharge its oversight responsibilities by periodically reviewing the expenditures of the respective committees during the second session.

Additionally, to ensure that the appropriation for "Standing Committees, Special and Select" for the 1986 Fiscal Year as sequestered by the first Presidential order is not exceeded, the resolution apportions the amount of authorized funds into two periods. First, it provides funds for the period beginning at noon on January 3, 1986 and ending on September 30, 1986. This period constitutes approximately the remaining nine months of the 1986 Fiscal Year. For this period, the resolution allocates the difference between the 1986 Fiscal Year appropriation (as sequestered) of $44,940,720 and the amount of funds which have already been expended in the approximate first quarter of the 1986 Fiscal Year. Second, it provides funds for the period beginning on October 1, 1986 and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 1987. This period constitutes the approximate first quarter of the 1987 Fiscal Year. For this period, the resolution allocates the approximate quarterly pro-rata amount of the 1986 Fiscal Year appropriation (as sequestered) of $44,940,270 among the respective committees.

The resolution provides for the second sesson a total amount of $43,628,584 for investigations and studies by all standing and select committees of the House of Representatives with the exception of the Committees on Appropriations and Budget. This amount is $4,384,621 below the $48,013,205 authorized for the first session.

Committee Funds from Noon on January 3 to September 30, 1986

Select Committee on Aging	$973,629
Committee on Agriculture	997,226
Committee on Armed Services	980,485
Committee on Banking, Finance & Urban Affairs	1,907,113
Select Committee on Children, Youth & Families	482,694
Committee on the District of Columbia	204,428
Committee on Education & Labor	2,103,224
Committee on Energy & Commerce	3,107,031
Committee on Foreign Affairs	1,733,338
Committee on Government Operations	1,783,573
Committee on House Administration	666,131
Committee on House Administration—H.I.S.	5,436,556
Select Committee on Hunger	413,048
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence	43,047
Committee on Interior & Insular Affairs	1,072,523

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Committee Funds from Noon on January 3 to September 30, 1986—Continued

Committee on Judiciary	1,224,279
Committee on Merchant Marine & Fisheries	1,296,746
Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse & Control	443,832
Committee on Post Office & Civil Service	977,585
Committee on Public Works & Transportation	1,406,509
Committee on Rules	392,256
Committee on Science & Technology	1,449,276
Committee on Small Business	636,796
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct	100,422
Committee on Veterans' Affairs	342,357
Committee on Ways & Means	1,969,721
Total	32,143,825

Committee Funds from October 1, 1986 to Noon on January 3, 1987

Select Committee on Aging	$347,870
Committee on Agriculture	356,302
Committee on Armed Services	350,320
Committee on Banking, Finance & Urban Affairs	681,398
Select Committee on Children, Youth & Families	172,463
Committee on the District of Columbia	73,041
Committee on Education & Labor	751,467
Committee on Energy & Commerce	1,110,120
Committee on Foreign Affairs	619,309
Committee on Government Operations	637,258
Committee on House Administration	238,004
Committee on House Administration—H.I.S.	1,942,442
Select Committee on Hunger	147,579
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence	15,381
Committee on Interior & Insular Affairs	383,205
Committee on Judiciary	437,426
Committee on Merchant Marine & Fisheries	463,318
Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse & Control	158,578
Committee on Post Office & Civil Service	349,284
Committee on Public Works & Transportation	502,536
Committee on Rules	140,150
Committee on Science & Technology	517,816
Committee on Small Business	227,523
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct	35,880
Committee on Veterans' Affairs	122,322
Committee on Ways & Means	703,767
Total	11,484,759

Committee Funds from Noon January 3, 1986 to Noon, January 3, 1987

Select Committee on Aging	$1,321,499
Committee on Agriculture	1,353,528
Committee on Armed Services	1,330,805
Committee on Banking, Finance & Urban Affairs	2,588,511
Select Committee on Children, Youth & Families	655,157
Committee on the District of Columbia	277,469
Committee on Education & Labor	2,854,691
Committee on Energy & Commerce	4,217,151
Committee on Foreign Affairs	2,352,647
Committee on Government Operations	2,420,831
Committee on House Administration	904,135
Committee on House Administration—H.I.S.	7,378,998
Select Committee on Hunger	560,627
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence	58,428
Committee on Interior & Insular Affairs	1,455,728
Committee on Judiciary	1,661,705
Committee on Merchant Marine & Fisheries	1,760,064
Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse & Control	602,410
Committee on Post Office & Civil Service	1,326,869
Committee on Public Works & Transportation	1,909,045

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Committee Funds from Noon January 3, 1986 to Noon, January 3, 1987—Continued

Committee on Rules	532,406
Committee on Science & Technology	1,967,092
Committee on Small Business	864,319
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct	136,302
Committee on Veterans' Affairs	464,679
Committee on Ways & Means	2,673,488
Total	43,628,584

The Rules of the House of Representatives are the governing authority for its actions and, therefore, are binding on standing and select committees receiving funding authority from this omnibus primary expense resolution, when adopted.

Regarding the determination of a committee's conditions, terms and privileges of employment, including compensation, Clause 9 of House Rules XLIII provides as follows:

> A Member, officer, or employee of the House of Representatives shall not discharge or refuse to hire any individual or otherwise discriminate against any individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Enforcement of the rule is the responsibility of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. Any infractions of the rule should be reported to that committee.

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